S.No.	*Name*	*Capacity*
1.	City Exchange	5000 lines
2.	Alkapuri	5000 lines
3.	Makarpura	2000 lines Replacing 1800 Lines MAX-II
4.	Koyali	2000 lines Replacing 1400 lines MAX-II

Electrification of Villages in Gujarat

636. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in Gujarat electrified during the last three years, district-wise;

(b) the amount allocated to these villages during the last three years and the expenditure incurred thereon; and

(c) the ongoing schemes on Government to provide electricity to the villages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c). The Gujarat State Electricity Board has reported electrification of 30 villages during the last three years at an estimated expenditure of approximately Rs. 45 lakhs. The district-wise break up of villages electrified is as under:-

District	*1988-89*	*1989-90*	*1990-91*
Kutch	5	-	-
Junagarh	15	-	-
Dang	5	-	-
Panchmahal	-	5	-

With the electrification of the above, the entire State, except for a few non-feasible villages, has been declared as having been hundred per cent electrified, by the Gujarat State Electricity Board.

Post Offices, Telegraph Offices and Telephone Exchanges in Orissa.

637. SHRI SRIKANTA JENA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of post offices, telegraph offices and telephone exchanges in Orissa at present, district-wise;

(b) whether their number is in commensurate with the present population;

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government during the last two years to increase their number; and

(d) the details of the steps to be taken

to increase their numbers?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU: (a) The information is furnished in the enclosed statement.

(b) Post Offices:- The post offices are opened keeping in view population, distance and income norms prescribed for the purpose. Basic postal facilties are however available irrespective of the fact whether a post office exists or not at a particular location. The average population served per post office in districts of Orissa excepting in the case of Bolangir district is in line with all India average population served per post office which is 4607 as on 31.3.91.

(b) Telegraph offices:- The number of Telegraph offices per lakh of population in Orissa is 6.7 as against the national average of 4.9 offices and is much higher than national level.

Telephone Exchanges:-

(b), (c) &(d). During the last two years (1989-90, 1990-91) expansion of telephone network in this State was carried out resulting in addition of 20949 lines of net switching capacity and 17461 new telephone connections. As per the draft 8th Five Year Plan of Telecom Department, our objective is to:

—Provide telephone practically on demand in rural and tribal area; and

—Waiting period for telephone connections not to exceed two years in larger systems.

Post Offices:-

(c) & (d). During the year 1990 and 1991, 166 branch post offices were opened in Orissa. It is further proposed to open 100 extra departmental branch post offices and 10 departmental sub post offices subject to justification in Orissa during 1991-92.

Telegraph Offices:-

c) During the last two years 442 Telegraph offices were opened in Orissa.

d) It is proposed to open 200 new Telegraph offices during the Year 1991-92.

STATMENT

District-wise details of post Offices, telegraph offices and telephone exchanges in Orissa.

Sl. No.	*District*	*Post Offices*	*Telegraph Offices*	*Telephone Exchanges*
1.	Cuttack	1147	264	86
2.	Puri	775	166	55
3.	Ganjam	816	160	57
4.	Phulbani	369	95	15
5.	Balangir	343	145	26
6.	Koraput	665	265	34
7.	Kalahandi	387	135	17
8.	Sambalpur	606	222	48

Sl. No.	*District*	*Post Offices*	*Telegraph Offices*	*Telephone Exchanges*
9.	Sundergarh	393	127	31
10.	Koenjhar	421	170	24
11.	Mayurbhanj	686	149	23
12.	Balasore	807	165	32
13.	Dhankenal	455	174	31

Speed Post Facility in Orissa

638. SHRI SRIKANTA JENA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cities in Orissa where speed post facility is available and number of those where such facility is not available;

(b) the number of cities in addition to existing one where speed post facility is likely to be started in the coming years; and

(c) the reasons for not starting speed post service in other cities?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The Speed Post facility is available in the following cities/towns in Orissa.

Under Speed Post national new work as well as point to point speed post service

1. Bhubneshwar

ii. Cuttack

Under Point to Point Speed Post Service

i. Rourkela

ii. Baripada

iii. Balasore

iv. Puri

v. Berhampur

vi. Balangir

vii. Sambalpur

viii. Paradeep.

The facility does not exist in other cities of Orissa.

(b) There is no proposal for the present to introduce speed post service in any other city/town in Orissa.

(c) Non availability of suitable transmission network and traffic viability are the reasons for not starting speed post service in other cities.

Telephone Network in Cuttack

639. SHRI SHRIKANTA JENA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the telephone network in Cuttak district of Orissa is not functioning properly;

(b) if not, the capacity utilisation of the telephone exchange functioning there at present;